

OBREGON PUT UP BY VILLA FOR DEFEAT OF GEN. CARRANZA

Pan-American Conference Not
Discouraging Actions of
"First Chief's" Enemies.

Ex-Provisional President Garza,
in Washington, Ridicules
Carranza's Claims to Military
Control.

Advices confirming the evacuation
of Torreon by General Villa
were received at the State
Department today. Eight troops
left there Saturday. Villa
personally accompanied them.
His army is reported retreating
toward Chihuahua.

In a desperate effort to prevent
the recognition of General Carranza,
Villa's followers here and
on the border have started a boom
in behalf of Gen. Alvaro Obregon,
Carranza's chief of staff, for provisional
President of Mexico.

Having determined to await
three weeks before deciding on
actual recognition, the United
States and the other powers represented
in the Pan-American conference
are not discouraging this boom.
Though convinced that there is little
likelihood of either Carranza or Obregon
consenting to a compromise agreement
of this kind, officials here are entirely
willing to let the Villa people undertake
such negotiations. If they are successful,
the chances are that the United States
would recognize Obregon. Otherwise the
probabilities are that Carranza will be
the one on whom the mantle of recognition
will fall.

In the meantime, the hope which
the Villistas hold that they may
succeed in this new move may act
as a preventive against any reprisals
against Americans and other foreigners
in Villista territory, during the time
when the Carranzistas are steadily
pounding down the last defenses of Villa.

OBREGON TALK RIDICULED.
At the Carranza agency the Obregon
talk, which appears to have started
originally with Enrique Lorente, Villa's
Washington agent, who was in New
York during the Pan-American conference
last Saturday, was scouted as
ridiculous. It was stated there that
even Carranza was willing to agree to
such a proposition, Obregon himself
recognizes that he is not fitted to be
the civil executive in Mexico and has
expressed himself repeatedly.

In other quarters another interpretation
is put on Obregon's attitude by
persons who claim that Obregon has his
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NEW JURY PROBING MOHR MURDER CASE

Indictments Expected Against
Three Negroes and Widow
of Physician.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 20.—A brand-
new set of indictments today took up
the tangled threads of the Mohr murder
case, and the State officials have
no doubt that indictments will be returned
against the three negroes now held
and Mrs. Elizabeth Blair Mohr, widow
of the murdered physician, who is
accused of instigating the shooting.
At every turn and step in the gathering
of evidence the State officials have
found women concerned in the affair,
both business and social, of the late
Providence practitioner. They range
from those in Newport's highest social
ring down to the shoemaker. They have
broken and wrecked the happiness of
his two children and his widow, who,
according to the doctor's housekeeper,
the three negroes—George W. Heals, C.
Victor Brown, and Henry Spellman—
promised to pay them \$5,000 to kill Dr.
Mohr and Miss Burger.
The three women most prominent in
the case are, besides Mrs. Mohr, Miss
Emily Burger, Dr. Mohr's housekeeper,
and Miss Florence Ormsby, the doctor's
secretary. Names of other prominent
and wealthy women have been with-
held.

HESPERIAN AND ORDUNA CASES AT END, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN (via wireless to London), Sept. 20.—Both the Hesperian and Orduna cases are now regarded as settled, and an agreement between the United States and Germany on the Arabic incident will end the submarine controversies, it was stated semi-officially today.
It is believed Washington will accept the statement that the Hesperian was not attacked by any German submarine and the report of the U-boat commander that the Orduna sought to escape.
Ambassador Bernstorff, it is understood, has reached a complete understanding with Secretary of State Lansing, and an early settlement of the Arabic case may be expected.

CITY BUSINESS MEN TO PUSH FIGHT FOR GREAT FALLS PLANT

Chamber of Commerce Con-
vinced That Time Is Oppor-
tune, Despite Garrison.

NO RELAXATION OF EFFORTS

Convinced that the attitude of the
local administration and the ultimate
needs of the city combine to make this
an opportune time to press the project,
members of the Chamber of Commerce,
notwithstanding the position taken by
Secretary of War Garrison, will continue
their campaign for the utilization
of Great Falls for power purposes.
Roy C. Claffin, chairman of the sub-
committee of the special committee
recently appointed by the Chamber to
investigate the feasibility of the pro-
posal to harness the falls, today issued
a statement declaring that he and his
associates have no idea of relaxing
their efforts.

Takes Issue With Him.
Mr. Claffin accords Secretary Garrison
credit for a conscientious investi-
gation from all viewpoints, but takes
issue with him on the conclusion
reached by the Secretary to the effect
that the proposed undertaking may well
be postponed. Secretary Garrison on
Saturday announced that he would not
include a request for the necessary ap-
propriation in the budget which he will
submit to Congress.

In his statement Mr. Claffin challenges
the contention that the economics of
the power feature may be questioned;
points out that a greater water supply
is an eventual necessity; dwells on the
length of time that will be required
for the establishment of the plant, and
calls attention to the benefits which
the people would enjoy that it is now
suggested may be postponed.

Conscientious Study.

"The letter of the Secretary of War,
Mr. Garrison, to Commissioner New-
man, relative to the Great Falls power
project, indicates that Mr. Garrison
has made a very thorough and con-
scientious study of the question, and
his conclusions are most sincere."
While it is true that there is no im-
mediate demand for an increased water
supply, it is conceded by those who
have made official investigations of the
question that the work for an in-
creased water supply must begin within
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ERB WINS FIGHT AGAINST DEATH

Millionaire Railroad Magnate
Recovered From Effects of
Bichloride.

DEAL, N. J., Sept. 20.—Newman Erb,
millionaire railroad magnate, has won
his fight for life.
At his home today it was said Erb
was now positively out of danger. The
effects of the bichloride tablets which
he took by mistake last week have been
overcome. Erb sat up today, and will
be able to be about probably within a
week, it was said.

**Refused a Loan, Man
Shoots His Brother**

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—Angered
because his brother, Carlo, thirty-three,
refused to give him funds to go back
to Russia, John Chechukus, twenty-
eight, today emptied a revolver into
the body of his brother.
Six shots penetrated Carlo's back and
abdomen, but physicians at the Episcop-
al Hospital believe he has a chance
to recover.

**80,000 Are Homeless
After Ganges Floods**

BOMBAY, Sept. 20.—Eighty thousand
persons have been rendered homeless
by floods in the Ganges valley since
August 29, and 1,500 dwellings have
collapsed, according to dispatches from
Lucknow today. Forty-five persons
have been killed.

Anchor Liner Safe.

GLASGOW, Sept. 20.—The Anchor
liner Cameronia arrived today from
New York.

U. S. AGENTS WATCH ARCHIBALD AFTER HE LEAVES LINER

Dumba's Messenger Reaches
New York, Confident That
He Will Retain Freedom.

MAY REPORT TO CAPITAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Arriving here
today on the liner Rotterdam, James F.
J. Archibald, the correspondent-messenger
of Austro-Hungarian Ambassador
Dumba, today asserted his innocence of
any intention to aid the foreign envoy
in evading the laws or violating the
neutrality of this country.

Archibald was met at quarantine by
an agent of the Department of Justice.
He was not arrested and said he did
not expect to be. The Government
representative who visited him in a
stateroom asked him just one question,
Archibald said. Being satisfied
with Archibald's answer, he left, but
what the question was the correspondent
refused to say.

Denied Seeing U. S. Agent.

Archibald at first denied that he had
seen anyone before the Rotterdam
docked. It was known, however, that
agents of the Department of Justice
had gone down the bay on the revenue
cutter Calumet and the corre-
spondent later admitted he had met a
Government representative in his
stateroom.

Upon landing, Archibald went directly
to the offices of his attorney, Frank
Hogan. He said he planned to leave
for Washington as soon as possible,
but declared he did not expect action
to be taken either by the district at-
torney here or the Federal Govern-
ment. From the question asked him by
the agent of the Department of Justice
aboard the Rotterdam, Archibald said
he was convinced he was not to be
prosecuted.

Says He Is Innocent.

"I really do not know anything about
the situation here, and if there is any
contemplated prosecution, it is the
most unjust, as I am perfectly innocent,"
Archibald declared.
"I merely took a letter unwittingly.
This has caused all this unfortunate
trouble."

Archibald declined to discuss the in-
cident which resulted in the request for
Archibald's arrest, but declared he was
not to be taken into custody. He was
immediately taken to the Department of
Justice, where he was held until the
correspondent announced he had said
all he cared to say.

Officials said that the quizzing of
Capt. James F. J. Archibald, the
American newspaper correspondent
who acted as Dumba's messenger,
who arrived at New York today, may
be postponed until Secretary of State
Lansing returns next week. In the
meantime, Archibald will undoubtedly
be kept under surveillance.
Acting Secretary of State Polk in-
dicated today that no demand had been
made on the liner docked, and that Wash-
ington and consult the department.

NOTIFIES POLICE HE HAS SHOT GIRL

Negress Found Dead at House
Where She Was Employed
as Domestic.

With a revolver grasped tightly in
his right hand, Joseph Chase, colored,
thirty-three years old, walked into
the Tenth precinct police station to-
day and announced that he had shot
Elora Taylor, a colored girl, and
asked that she be taken to a hospital.
When the police reached the house
at 706 Rock Creek Church road they
found the girl dead with a bullet
wound in her left side.
Questioned by the police, Chase,
whose home is at 947 T street north-
west, told a rambling story to the
effect that the Taylor girl had told
him that she was his wife so she
could marry him. He has been much
in the company of the Taylor girl re-
cently, and the police believe they
quarreled over a letter he received
from his wife a few days ago.
The shooting occurred at the house
on Rock Creek Church road where
Coroner Nevitt has ordered an inquest
to be held tomorrow morning.

ONLY ONE LOST AS SHIP BURNS IN MID-OCEAN

469 Passengers and Crew Sav-
ed From Greek Steamer
Athinai by Liners.

BLAZING VESSEL ABANDONED

Only Fatality Comes When Man
Jumps Overboard and Is
Drowned.

HALIFAX, Sept. 20.—The Anchor
liner Tuscania has rescued 468 passen-
gers and the crew of the Greek steamer
Athinai, which burned at sea. Only one
life was lost, according to a wireless
message received here today.

The British steamer Roumanian
Prince also responded to the Greek
steamer's distress signals and took off
sixty-one passengers. The transfer was
made in mid-ocean while flames were
raging furiously in the Athinai's holds.
The Athinai was abandoned, and is sup-
posed to have sunk.

The message from the Tuscania, given
out by C. H. Harvey, agent of marine
and fisheries, follows: "Heard calls dis-
tress at 8:30 a. m. yesterday, and ar-
rived on spot at noon. Sent line across
to Athinai. Transferred passengers
about 4 p. m. She was abandoned about
8:30 p. m. Rescued 468 passengers and
crew. The Roumanian Prince rescued
sixty-one. Only one life lost, man who
jumped overboard. We left wreck at
10:30 p. m. Burning furiously in No. 1
and 2 holds. Position 46.54 north lat-
tude; 53.47 west. CAPTAIN McLEAN."
The Tuscania is bound for New York
from Glasgow, but it is believed she
may enter this port and discharge some
of the passengers of the Greek liner.

Allies Financial Heads Will Confer at Paris

PARIS, Sept. 20.—British Chancellor
of the Exchequer McKenna is expected
to arrive here the latter part of the
week for a conference with Minister
of Finance Ribot and the Russian min-
ister of Finance P. L. Bark, who ar-
rived here last night from Toplon.

GHOULS SCATTER BONES ABOUT TOMB

Caskets in Sepulchre on Patter-
son Estate Broken Open by
Vandals.

A gruesome robbery in which ghouls
battered open the tomb on the Patter-
son estate, between Florida avenue and
Ivy City northeast, and desecrated the
remains in four caskets was brought to
light today when Capt. Henry Schnei-
der, of the Ninth precinct, asked the
District Health Department to make
provision for the protection of other
bones in the sepulchre.

The bones in the four caskets opened
by the robbers were found scattered
over the floor of the tomb, while name
plates and handles and all other pieces
on which the thieves thought they
could realize money were ruthlessly
torn off and stowed.

So completely were the coffins mutil-
ated that reassembling of the remains
in their erstwhile resting places is im-
possible.
Hundreds of residents of the north-
east section of the city on hearing
of the destruction at the old tomb,
visited the place today to view the
work of the vandals.
The police believe that the ghouls
cut down a small tree for use as a
battering ram to make their way into
the tomb.

The present owners of the Patterson
estate could not be located today.
The house, built in 1812, is one of
the oldest in the District.

Arrange Details for Cornerstone Laying

Approval of Garrison Alone Need-
ed For Arlington Me-
morial Ceremony.

Approval of Secretary of War Gar-
rison alone is needed for completion
of the plans for exercises in connection
with laying the cornerstone of the me-
morial amphitheater at Arlington.
The program is under the direction of
Col. W. W. Harts, in charge of public
buildings and grounds.
Among the documents and articles
that will be placed in a receptacle un-
der the cornerstone will be a Bible,
copies of the Declaration of Independ-
ence, and the Constitution, an auto-
graphed photograph of the President,
an American flag and a copy of the
L'Enfant design of Washington.
Laying of the cornerstone is expected
about October 1.

Two Balkan Monarchs Confer on War Crisis



Above—KING FERDINAND, of
Roumania.
Below—KING FERDINAND, of
Bulgaria.

BALKAN STATES IN BELLIGERENT MOOD

Greece and Roumania Watch
Bulgarian Moves—Attack
on Serbia Expected.

ROME, Sept. 20.—Both Greece and
Roumania are watching every move
made by Bulgaria and are making
ready to war on the side of the al-
lies if Bulgaria joins the Austro-Ger-
mans, according to advices received
here today.

King Constantine received Premier
Venizelos and several members of the
cabinet yesterday. News agency dis-
patches report that three claims of
Greek reserves have been summoned
to the colors.

Bulgarian newspapers with a lean-
ing to Austria are attempting to stir
up public sentiment in favor of Bul-
garia's immediate intervention. They
print letters from Macedonian leaders,
urging that Bulgaria attack Serbia
without further delay and seize
Serbian Macedonia.

Expect Decision Tomorrow.

Decisive action by the Balkan states
is expected tomorrow or Tuesday.
Roumania and Greece, with Serbia and
Montenegro, are prepared for war, but
the Bulgarians, having accepted what
they wanted from Turkey in the ces-
sion of a railway line, appear to be
well satisfied for the present.

It is asserted, however, that the Bul-
garians have called to the colors the
Macedonian recruits now in Bul-
garia, and that generally there is a
warlike feeling in existence.
Roumania has about 1,000,000 men un-
der arms, Greece 800,000, the Bulgarians
600,000, and Serbia a veteran army, re-
equipped from about 1,000,000 men un-
der arms, to 750,000 men.
Reports state that the Austrians and
Germans have 500,000 troops on the bor-
der of Bulgaria and Serbia ready to
move at a moment's notice.

Turks' Plight Desperate.

So desperate is the plight of the Turks
that Enver Pasha is reported in dis-
patches here as having declared
Constantinople in a state of siege. The
central powers are preparing to detach
600,000 men from the Russian front and
send them to the assistance of their
Ottoman ally, according to the same
source.

The latter part of October is said to
have been set for a great Austro-Ger-
man drive through Serbia to the relief
of the Turks. It is then that Bul-
garia must say whether she will cast
her lot with the central powers and
receive the opposition leaders, five par-
ties being represented at the audience.

They told the ruler that a contin-
uation of Bulgaria's neutral policy would
be fatal. They urged that a coalition
cabinet be formed immediately to pro-
tect Bulgaria from Turkey inimical to
the best interests of the country.

Save Torpedoed Ship.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The British tank
steamer San Zeferino, which was re-
ported as torpedoed and sunk by a
submarine, has been beached, accord-
ing to Lloyd's.
The steamer was last reported as
having sailed in August from Puerto
Mexico.

ZEPPELIN DAMAGE OF \$10,000,000 TO LONDON DETAILED

First Uncensored Stories of Great Aerial
Raid, Brought To America By Passen-
gers on Liner Rotterdam, Give
Thrilling Account of Attack.

BOMBS DESTROY WHOLE BLOCKS

Fourteen Killed in Bus—Fires Set Through-
out City—Bank of England and Man-
sion House in Zone of Danger.
Railways Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Bombs dropped within a few blocks of
the Bank of England and the residence of the lord mayor of London in
the great Zeppelin raid on the night of September 8, according to pas-
sengers who reached here today aboard the Holland-American liner
Rotterdam with the first uncensored stories of the attack on the English
capital.

Though the press bureau reported that only twenty persons were
killed, it is understood in London that Zeppelin bombs killed at least
fifty, the passengers report. Property damage is estimated at at least
\$10,000,000.

One bomb crashed through the roof of a bus near Trafalgar
Square, killing fourteen persons outright. The bus was blown to
pieces.

A whole block of buildings in the heart of London was destroyed
by fire. Other big blazes occurred in widely separated parts of the city.
The greatest property damage was done on Wood street, where
the great wholesale dry goods houses are located. Fronts of several
great buildings were blown out; others collapsed when bombs burst
through the roofs.

WATCHED AIR BATTLE.

One passenger, a prominent New York business man, who asked
that his name be withheld from publication, declared that the property
damage on Wood street alone totaled at least \$10,000,000.

Stories told by all the passengers confirmed the United Press
story of the day following the raid, that the Trafalgar Square section
of London and the heart of the city was under attack.

F. Thomas Pelham, of Boston, who saw the Zeppelin raid on
London of the night of September 7, and then the more destructive
raid on the night of September 8, said he saw only one airship.

Pelham said he watched the air battle from Trafalgar Square. A
crowd of more than 5,000 crowded the open spaces in the neighbor-
hood, he said, despite the danger from bombs and falling shrapnel
from anti-aircraft guns.

"Bombs fell near the Bank of England, the Mansion House, where
the lord mayor resides, and within a few blocks of the London Stock
Exchange and the great financial houses of Lord Rothschild and other
international bankers. The people were remarkably calm," Pelham
said. "A crowd rushed around the spot where the bus was blown to
pieces, but London 'Bobbies' quickly cleared the streets. Only a few
pieces of the mangled bodies of the bus passengers were found. The
piece of a leg, supposed to have belonged to one of the bus victims
was found a great distance away."

DAMAGE TO RAILWAY.

"This is a jolly busy night for old London," one man next to me
remarked. When a shell from the anti-aircraft guns seemed to burst
near the big yellow thing up there in the sky, the people would clap
their hands and yell, 'Fine shot!'"

The New Yorker, who told of the damage done on Wood street,
said the Zeppelins followed the Great Eastern Railway line into Lon-
don, dropping bombs along the way.

"They did considerable damage to the railway," he said, "and for
two days no trains could run over this line into the Liverpool street
station."

"I was standing right in front of the Carlton Hotel, near Trafalgar
Square at 10:45 o'clock on the night of September 8. London is
lighted between 10 and 11 at night by scores of great searchlights. I
had just finished paying a taxi driver when I heard a crash like thun-
der."

"Guns on the roof of an adjoining building opened on a great yel-
lowish-white object hovering overhead. It was crowded into the
streets for their first real taste of the war."

"Guns on the St. James Palace and all the other buildings opened
fire on the Zeppelin, which turned and disappeared in a northeast-
erly direction."

The American liner Philadelphia, carrying many more persons
who had witnessed the Zeppelin raid, docked at 10 o'clock today.

H. Gordon Selfridge, head of the big London department store,
was at Trafalgar Square at 10:45 o'clock the night of September 5, and
saw the bomb drop which blew up a bus with its fourteen passengers.

"There was little excitement," said Selfridge, "but there was an
almost perceptible wave of hate which swept the great crowd. My
daughter and I attempted to get a taxi to follow the path of the Zep-
pelin."